

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9, 2020

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

Amenia	Mon.	Aug. 10	8:00 am	Martha Flanigan
"	Tues.	Aug. 11	8:00 am	Mary Hardisty
"	Wed.	Aug. 12	8:00 am	Richard Delgado
"	Thurs.	Aug. 13	8:00 am	NO MASS
"	Fri.	Aug. 14	8:00 am	Margaret Wilcox
Pine Plains	"	"	12 noon	Richard Delgado
	"	"	7:00 pm	Bertha Conway
Amenia	Sat.	Aug. 15	8:00 am	William E.P. Murphy
"	"	"	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of the William McEnroe Family
Pine Plains	"	"	6:15 pm	Antonia & John Sferratore and Mary, Sam and Marjorie Crodelle

Pine Plains	Sun	Aug. 16	8:00 am	Cleto Guglielmetti
Amenia	"	"	10:45 am	People of the Parish

"GOD AND BASKETBALL"

Dear Friends,

I just want to share a nice story with you from the Poughkeepsie Journal. It involves a story of two women encountering each other in a very special way.

Maddy Siegrist was a star basketball player for Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Maddy went on to play at Villanova University in Philadelphia.

On December 21st of last year Maddy, against Notre Dam, scored 41 points. It was a record for a Villanova freshman.

The person who previously held that record for a Villanova freshman was a person named Shelly Pennefather. Shelly Pennefather is the all-time leading scorer – among men or women – in Villanova basketball history.

Shelly Pennefather had a great career at Villanova and even played professional basketball in Japan.

Pennefather then took a very sharp turn in her life and decided to become a cloistered nun. She became Sister Rose Marie and now lives at the Poor Clares Monastery in Alexandria, Virginia.

It is a very strict life. Time is spent mostly in prayer and meditation, away from the outside world. The nuns don't use phones or televisions.

A few weeks ago, Maddy Siegrist and Sister Rose Marie were able to meet. Maddy was nervous. She was about to meet not only a great Villanova basketball star but now a cloistered nun.

Maddy Siegrist said "I think that was the closest connection you could have with God while still being alive."

Sister Rose Marie congratulated her on her season and breaking the record. They talked about Maddy's classes at Villanova. Siegrist concluded "I've never spoken to someone on that spiritual level before. It was so inspiring."

Fr. Wilson

CONFESSION - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing by which we receive God's merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and experience the powerful love of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH : Gerhard Herron, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Sonja Kelly, Mike Butts, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Joseph Licurse, Joanne Balek, Michael Engel, Linda Mary Dick, Leela Niranjana, Ralph Locantore, Fred Arni, Brandon Rojas, Leah Rost, Susan Consentino, Pat Boice, Arietta Carroll, Cecilia Cummings, Mary Wilkinson, Evelyn Tompkins, Mary Simmons, Marjorie Arni, Teal Burns, Jane Bly, Jennifer Boice, Nora Miller, Allen McPeck, Genevieve Minischetti, Anita Nichols, Kathleen McGuire, Loretta Heller, Douglas Wilson, Donna Whalen, Stephen Bida, Leah Eurvard, Meghan King, Patricia Macura, Jerard Kain, Margaret and Roger Gregoire, Kyleigh Cummings, Caroline McEnroe, Patty Cassidy, Stephen Bida, Kathleen Herron, Michael Gaddis, Catherine DiRe, Baby Gemma Dadone, Joe Gatto, Raymond Proper, Jr., Joan Moriarty, Michael Tozzi, Daniel Briggs and Brett Porter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED IN OUR PARISH: Thomas Carberry, Theresa Thompson and Christine Lombardi.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for 2020-2021 - Please call the office at 845-373-8193 if you have not yet registered your child in our 2020-2021 Religious Ed Program as we need a head count to order books and supplies. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you misplaced your registration form, please email us at icspamen@optonline.net and I will email the form to you. Our Religious Ed Program is really essential in helping parents pass on the Catholic faith to their children.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to heaven body and soul at the end of her life. We will celebrate The Feast of the Assumption at the following Masses:

Friday, August 14th - 7:00 pm - St. Anthony Church

Saturday, August 15th - 8:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church

The Feast of the Assumption has always been loved dearly by the faithful who are children of Mary. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

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**WHERE IS GOD IN THE PANDEMIC AND PROTESTS?** Sr. Jean Flannely and Lisa Shay will be offering a 3-part discussion series on "How do we bring our faith to bear on contemporary issues"? over Zoom, beginning Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> between 4-5 pm. RSVP to [Lisa.Shay@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Shay@gmail.com) for Zoom invite.

**MAKE JESUS' MOTHER YOUR OWN** - Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus' request to take His Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"* (Luke 1:38). From the first "Yes" to her unique role in God's plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son's plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

*"Woman, behold your son"* (John 19:26). Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, He offered to share His beloved Mother with all of us as our own Mother. Heeding Jesus' words, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

*"Do whatever He tells you"* (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing Him into the world and talking about Him. Bringing others to Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.

**2020 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, our parish has received **\$30,580** in pledges/gifts from **89** families. Our parish goal is **\$42,000**. It is not too late to make a pledge or a one-time donation in an amount you can afford. Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, August 1-2, 2020, we collected \$5,004.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection. I am so very thankful to all of you for our steadfast commitment to our Church during these difficult financial times. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families with good health.

*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by Laurie & Larry Hardisty  
In Loving Memory of Mary Hardisty*